

MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Date August 24, 2016

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister was called to order by Chairman Deane Judd on August 24, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, California.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

Recited.

3) Roll Call: Roll was answered as follows:

Present: Chairman Deane Judd, Commissioners Robert Scattini, Gordon Machado, Fred Meyer, Steve Huston, and Jose Martinez, and Executive Secretary Mike Chambless.

Absent: Commissioner Marge Sunzeri.

4) Verification of Agenda Posting

The Agenda for the Airport Advisory Commission of the City of Hollister Regular meeting of August 24 was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall on August 18 at 10:00am per Government Code Section 54954.2

5) Consent

- a) It was moved by Commissioner Scattini and seconded by Commissioner Machado to approve as presented the Minutes of the Airport Advisory Commission meetings of June 22, 2016 and August 1, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

6) Public Input

- a) No public comments were received.

7) Reports

- a) Budget - Mike Chambless reported that the budget was approved in late June.
- b) Lease @ 2000 Aerostar - On August 1st the City Council approved a lease at 2000 Aerostar for a monthly amount of \$5848. It is a 35 year ground lease at the end of which the airport will take possession of a 14,000 sq ft hangar/office building. Also is included a lease for an adjacent parking lot. The lessee is expected to have a building permit ready by the end of this month.
- c) Taxiway maintenance - Taxiway Alpha was crack sealed on August 8, so now all taxiways have been crack sealed in preparation for winter. Commissioner Huston asked about a recent repair of the taxiway adjacent to Cal Fire. Mike Chambless reported that indeed an asphalt failure occurred when Cal Fire brought in a heavy aircraft while fighting the Soberanes fire. The repair was made to support the current S2 aircraft. Mike also provided Cal Fire with cost data to bring the taxiway up to the standards met by the new runway, but Cal Fire declined to pay for that. So in the meantime, Mike has requested Cal Fire not to bring in their heavier aircraft unless it is a life threatening emergency.

8) Old Business

- a) AIP - Runway 13-31 reconstruction project - Phase I Letter & II Complete
Phase II: Is complete to the specification with no outstanding issues. Upon completion of warranty period we expect to submit all remaining payments due to the contractor.

Phase I: A meeting was held with all interested parties last week, a plan has been formed, and all appropriate City divisions are taking action.

- b) Airshow 2016

Mike Chambliss reported that total attendance at the 2016 airshow was 2337 people, about 200 more than last year. Revenues were \$37,000 and our expenses were \$56,000 for a total loss of \$19,000. This is the same loss as sustained from last year's show.

For the first time this year we did radio advertizing in the Bay Area on KGO, KSFO, and The Bone, and this resulted in a significant shift in the demographics of the attendees. Although Mike feels we didn't recoup the expense, if we do another airshow he would drop the TV advertizing (~\$6000) and just go with radio advertising (~\$8000)

Mike feels the \$19,000 loss is likely to be similar for future airshows. He noted that it represents ~2% of the airport budget, and he feels that the goodwill generated by the airshow is well worth the cost. He noted that other airports have ongoing issues with noise complaints while Hollister effectively has none, and he feels the airshow, along with avoiding home construction near the airport, is important to keeping it that way.

Commissioner Huston expressed support for continuing airshows, the %2 budget cost notwithstanding.

Commissioner Judd expressed concern that there might be other ways to gain community good will at a lesser cost. He also noted the lack of financial support from the City even though the show carried the city's name.

Commissioner Machado expressed support and noted that the out-of-town attendees help carry the message of the airport to others who might be in a position to consider locating businesses here.

Commissioner Scattini expressed support, but he also noted that he feels a different date would allow more fly-in participation, as the Father's day date competes with a long standing fly-in at Columbia airport.

Commissioner Meyer expressed support, but he suggested we consider having it every other year rather than annually. Mike expressed his belief that unless it occurs every year, it will not survive, and Commissioner Huston supported that as well as keeping it on the Father's Day weekend. The concern is that attendees and participants need to feel they can plan on it annually and on a fixed date.

Mike also expressed his preference for Father's day as a day when the number of fly-in aircraft is reduced. He pointed out that our ramp can only handle a maximum of about 75 fly-in aircraft, and competing with Columbia helps keep our number below that amount.

Commissioner Martinez also expressed support for continuing to have the airshow with a %2 budget cost acceptable.

Dave Leonardo also spoke in favor of continuing with the airshow as he has seen an increase in the number of student pilots that he feels results from the public's airshow experience.

Mike will be reporting on the airshow to the City Council on September 6 and will include the Commissioners' views.

c) 4th of July

The City had its 4th of July fireworks display at the airport this year. Those citizens that found their way to the ramp enjoyed the seating, music, and fireworks. However, due to the cold weather, most attendees remained in their cars and just saw the fireworks from their vehicles. But the event was deemed a success, so we can expect to do it again next year. Mike noted that members of the Hollister Airmen's Association assisted in keeping attendees away from parked airplanes.

Ruth Erickson spoke about some related issues. 1) It was very dark when leaving the airport, and she suggested that we check that all hangar lighting is working. 2) It would be best if attendees could enter the ramp through the north entrance. 3) The event should begin later, more like 8 or 8:30, since the weather was so cold. 4) She wished there had been more fireworks at the airport, as displays over the town seemed to be in some cases bigger.

d) CalFire

In 1998 Cal Fire decided to negotiate for 8 acres of land on the west side of runway 31 for a new base of operation. This new base would have four servicing pits versus the current two and be located near the runway intersection thus providing visibility to all four runway ends. With many positive attributes, 18 years later the new base has yet to be built. Mike believes the lack of the new base hindered the response to the Soberanes fire (see earlier item on taxiway maintenance).

Attempts to get the new base built by contacting our state senator and assemblyman have been fruitless. However, Mike notes that our Cal Fire base supports fire fighting in 9 surrounding counties which encompasses 56 legislative districts.

In order to gain access to the 56 legislators, Mike has proposed a not-to-exceed \$6000 consulting contract with a known aviation lobbyist (Ford Aviation Consultants) who is also associated with the California Pilots Association. The purpose is to help us make moving the Cal Fire base to the new location a priority project of the State. It was moved by Commissioner Machado and seconded by Commissioner Huston to support the consulting contract. Motion carried 6-0.

e) Trailer Parking

Nothing to report.

f) Skydiving Operation

The operation is working well at its new location at the north end of the ramp. There was plumbing problem and a habitability problem that we had to fix, but overall they seem to be very happy with their new location.

9) New Business

None.

10) Items for Next Agenda

1. Construction at 2000 Aerostar
2. AIP Phase I update
3. Trailer parking
4. Cal Fire
5. Glider Operation
6. Master Plan
7. Status of abandoned buildings
8. Restaurant

11) Next Meeting Date: September 28, 2016

12) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Airport Advisory Commission, Commissioner Scattini moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Machado. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Chambless, Executive Secretary